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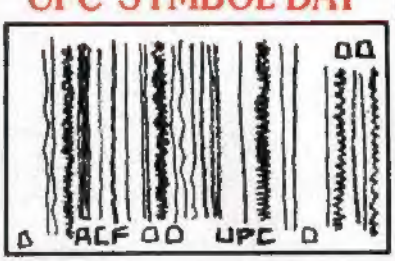

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THE HOLIDAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL!

HONEY, DID YOU WANT TO INVITE THE GARLANDS TO DINNER SOMETIME AFTER LABOR DAY?
WELL, WE DID GO TO THEIR PLACE FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY!
JUST DON'T GO TOO FAR INTO OCTOBER--I'VE MADE PLANS FOR COLUMBUS DAY AND UNITED NATIONS DAY!
AND THEN IT'LL BE HALLOWEEN!
AUGUST
AAAAGH!
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WHAT WAS THAT FOR? DID YOU BITE YOUR TONGUE AGAIN?
NO! IT'S THIS ENDLESS LIST OF EARTH HOLIDAYS! DO YOU HAVE ONE CALLED "NOTHING TO CELEBRATE DAY"?
ALF... AS I RECALL, YOU DIDN'T OBJECT WHEN WE CELEBRATED YOUR FIRST ANNIVERSARY ON EARTH!*
DON'T GET ME WRONG, WILLY-NILLY!
*WAY BACK IN ALF #3.--Editor
BUT JUST ONCE, I'D LIKE TO CELEBRATE A GOOD, OLD-FASHIONED MELMACIAN HOLIDAY! LIKE "BATHE WITH A POLICEMAN DAY..." OR "GOOMER'S BIRTHDAY."
SNURK!
I DON'T SEE WHY NOT... AS LONG AS NO COOKED CATS ARE INVOLVED!
ALF--WE'LL BE GLAD TO HONOR ONE OF YOUR HOMEWORLD'S HOLIDAYS!
YIPEEE! IT'S TWANGLE THE 23rd.. "EAT OFF THE FLOOR DAY."
BWANG!
WELL, IN THAT CASE, HAPPY EAT OFF THE FLOOR DA--
SAME TO YOU, KATE! AND MANY MORE!
SNORB!
TELL US, ALF.. WHY DO MELMACIANS CELEBRATE "EAT OFF THE FLOOR DAY"?
NICE SEGUE, BRI...
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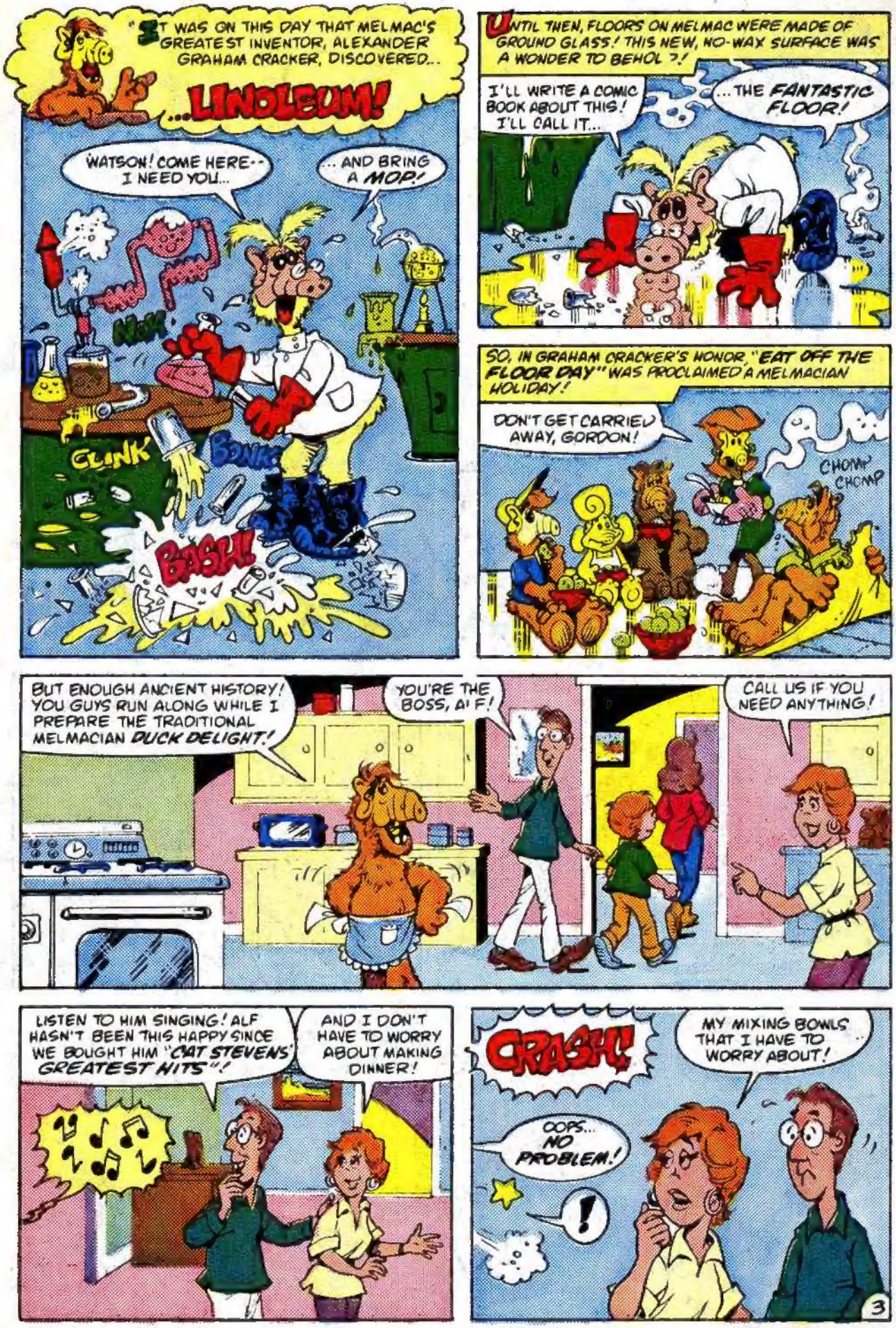
"IT WAS ON THIS DAY THAT MELMAC'S GREATEST INVENTOR, ALEXANDER GRAHAM CRACKER, DISCOVERED...
...LINOLEUM!
WATSON! COME HERE-- I NEED YOU...
... AND BRING A MOP!
CLUNK
BONK
BASH!
UNTIL THEN, FLOORS ON MELMAC WERE MADE OF GROUND GLASS! THIS NEW, NO-WAX SURFACE WAS A WONDER TO BEHOLD!
I'LL WRITE A COMIC BOOK ABOUT THIS! I'LL CALL IT...
...THE FANTASTIC FLOOR!
SO, IN GRAHAM CRACKER'S HONOR, "EAT OFF THE FLOOR DAY" WAS PROCLAIMED A MELMACIAN HOLIDAY!
DON'T GET CARRIED AWAY, GORDON!
CHOMP CHOMP
BUT ENOUGH ANCIENT HISTORY! YOU GUYS RUN ALONG WHILE I PREPARE THE TRADITIONAL MELMACIAN DUCK DELIGHT!
YOU'RE THE BOSS, ALF!
CALL US IF YOU NEED ANYTHING!
LISTEN TO HIM SINGING! ALF HASN'T BEEN THIS HAPPY SINCE WE BOUGHT HIM "CAT STEVENS' GREATEST HITS"!
AND I DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT MAKING DINNER!
CRASH!
MY MIXING BOWLS THAT I HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT!
OOPS... NO PROBLEM!
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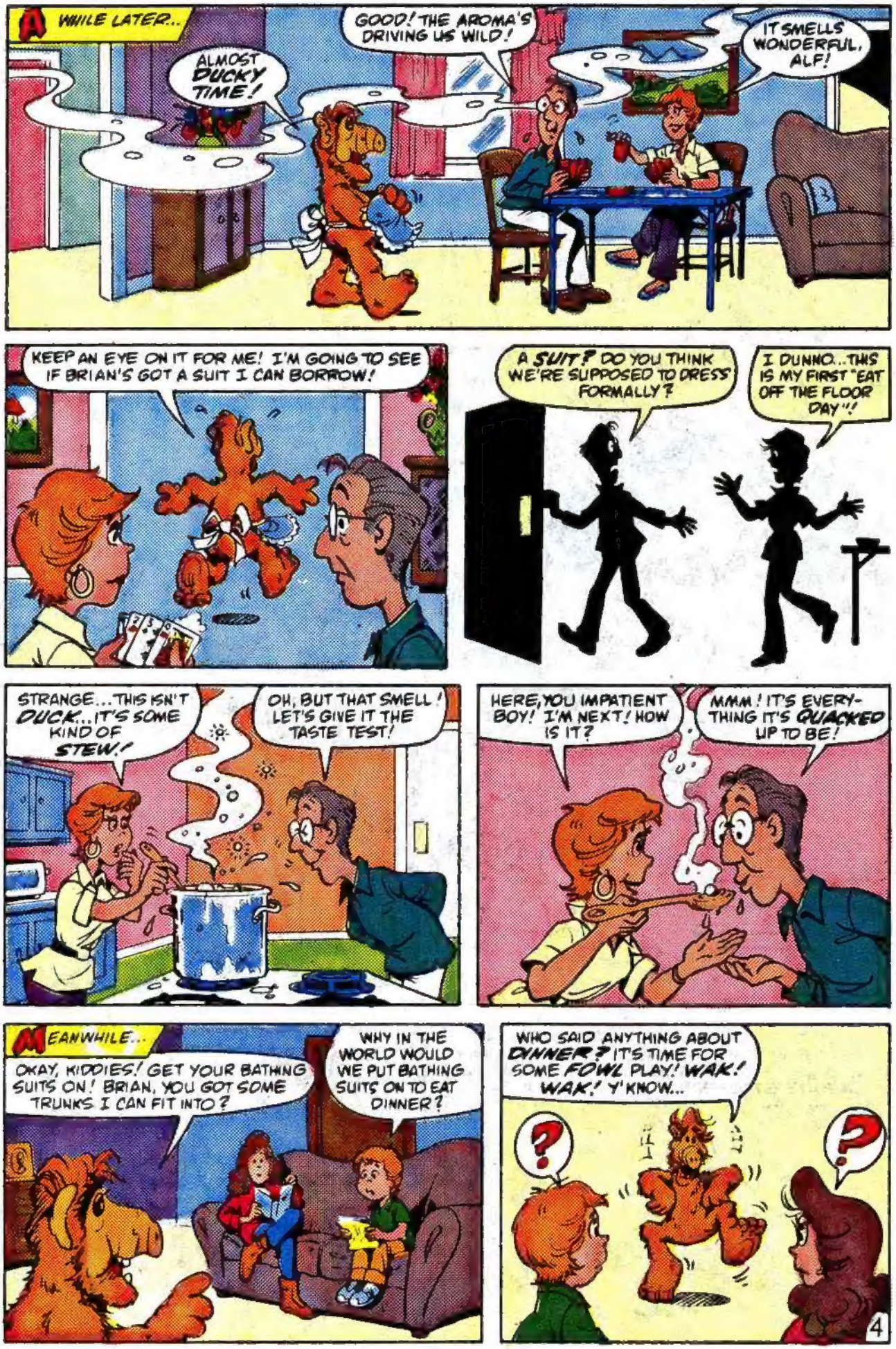
A WHILE LATER...
ALMOST DUCKY TIME!
GOOD! THE AROMA'S DRIVING US WILD!
IT SMELLS WONDERFUL, ALF!
KEEP AN EYE ON IT FOR ME! I'M GOING TO SEE IF BRIAN'S GOT A SUIT I CAN BORROW!
A SUIT? DO YOU THINK WE'RE SUPPOSED TO DRESS FORMALLY?
I DUNNO...THIS IS MY FIRST "EAT OFF THE FLOOR DAY"!
STRANGE...THIS ISN'T DUCK...IT'S SOME KIND OF STEW!
OH, BUT THAT SMELL! LET'S GIVE IT THE TASTE TEST!
HERE, YOU IMPATIENT BOY! I'M NEXT! HOW IS IT?
MMM! IT'S EVERY-THING IT'S QUACKED UP TO BE!
MEANWHILE...
OKAY, KIDDIES! GET YOUR BATHING SUITS ON! BRIAN, YOU GOT SOME TRUNKS I CAN FIT INTO?
WHY IN THE WORLD WOULD WE PUT BATHING SUITS ON TO EAT DINNER?
WHO SAID ANYTHING ABOUT DINNER? IT'S TIME FOR SOME FOWL PLAY! WAK! WAK! Y'KNOW...
?
?
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ALF, WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
MELMACIAN DUCK DELIGHT, OF COURSE! EVERYONE TAKES A SIP OF THE HYPNOTIC BREW ON "EAT OFF THE FLOOR DAY", AND IT MAKES YOU BEHAVE LIKE A DUCK FOR SEVERAL HOURS!
I'LL FILL THE TUB!
ALF! YOU EXPECT US TO SWALLOW SOME HYPNOTIC SOUP YOU COOKED-UP? MOM AND DAD WON'T ALLOW THAT!
SHM
C'MON, LYNN! THEY'RE NOT AS SQUARE AS YOU THINK--! SEE?
WAK! WAK!
QUAAAACK! KWA KWA-KWA-QUAAACK!
BRIAN! QUICK! HELP ME GRAB THEM BEFORE THEY...
honk! honk!
WAK! WAKKA! WAKKA! WAK!
...GET OUTSIDE!
WAK!
WAK!
LOOK AT YOUR FOLKS WHOOPING IT UP FOR "EAT OFF THE FLOOR DAY"! HA! THEY KILL ME!
ALF! THAT'S A DISTINCT POSSIBILITY!
WAK!
honk!
OH, NO! LOOK!
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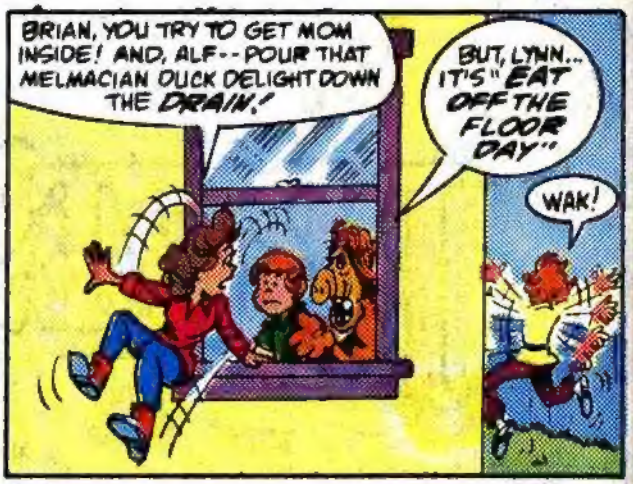
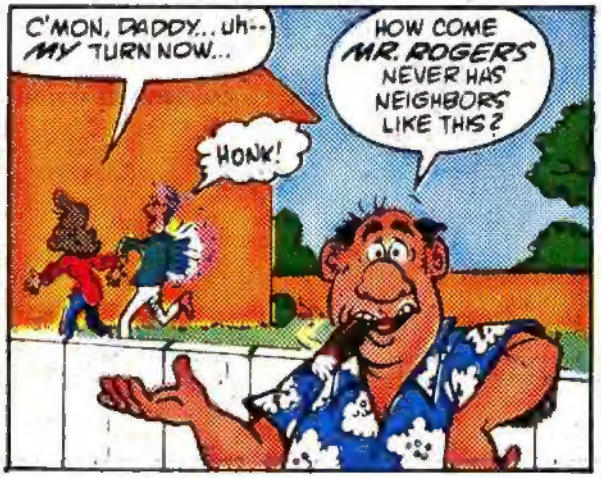
IT'S MR. OCHMONEK! AND DAD'S WADDLING OVER TO HIM!
HONK! HONK!
WAK!
T-T-TANNER!

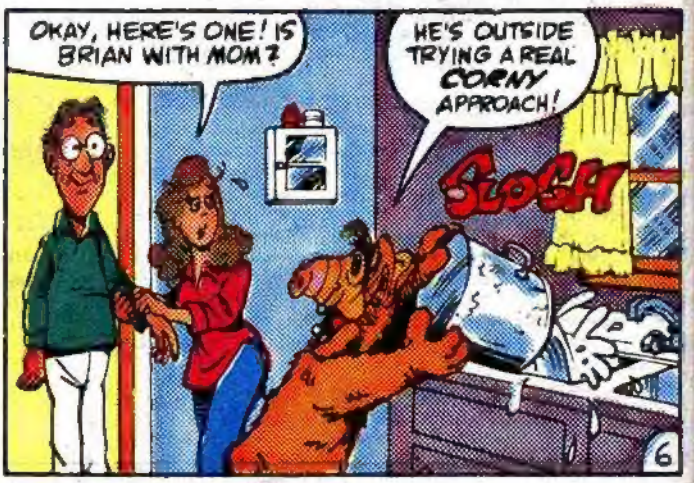

BRIAN, YOU TRY TO GET MOM INSIDE! AND, ALF--POUR THAT MELMACIAN DUCK DELIGHT DOWN THE DRAIN!
BUT, LYNN... IT'S "EAT OFF THE FLOOR DAY"
WAK!

YES... AND IF YOU DON'T LISTEN TO ME, IT'S GOING TO BE "Scrape the Alien Off the Floor Day!"
YOU'VE INHERITED YOUR MOTHER'S GIFT FOR SUBTLETY!
beep

OH, VERY GOOD, DADDY! VERY GOOD! YOU WIN THAT ROUND!
QUACK!
LYNN.. YER OLD MAN'S LOST HIS MARBLES!
CLAP! CLAP! CLAP!

OH, NO! WE'RE-er-PLAYING CHARADES! THE CATEGORY WAS MOVIES.. AND THE ANSWER IS "DUCK SOUP" RIGHT, DAD!
WAK!


C'MON, DADDY.. uh-- MY TURN NOW...
HONK!
HOW COME MR. ROGERS NEVER HAS NEIGHBORS LIKE THIS?


OKAY, HERE'S ONE! IS BRIAN WITH MOM?
HE'S OUTSIDE TRYING A REAL CORNY APPROACH!
SLOSH!
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BUT AT LEAST IT'S WORKING!
HERE, DUCKY, DUCKY, DUCK! C'MON, GIRL... THAT'S A GOOD LITTLE DUCKY...
Chomp chomp WAK!
THAT'S-A-GIRL! NIIIIICE DUCKY... RIGHT IN HERE!
HONK! HONK!
HONK?
KWAK KWAK KWAK KWAK!
HONK!
LYNN!
OH, MY GOSH! MOM'S CHASING THAT DELIVERY TRUCK!
THIS IS SERIOUS! SHE THINKS THE HORN IS A MATING CALL!
ALF-- YOU KEEP DADDY IN THE HOUSE! C'MON, BRI!
HOLD IT, DAFFY! YOUR FLIGHT'S BEEN CANCELED!
WAK WAK
WAK WAK
THIS WAY, MY FINE FEATHERED FRIEND! SAY... DID YOUR MOM NAME YOU WILLIAM BECAUSE OF YOUR CUTE BILL?
WAK!
HA!
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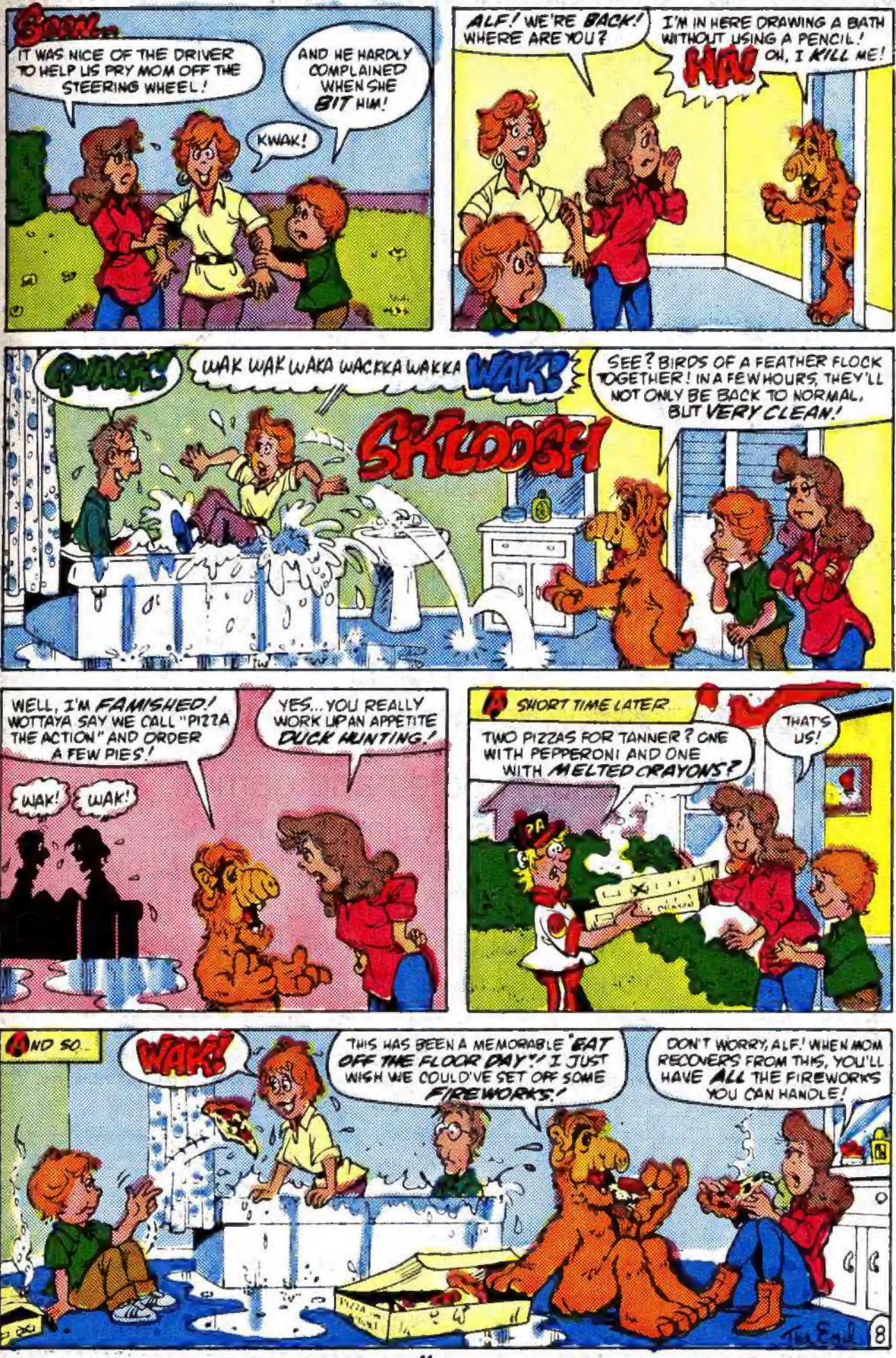
Soon...
IT WAS NICE OF THE DRIVER TO HELP US PRY MOM OFF THE STEERING WHEEL!
AND HE HARDLY COMPLAINED WHEN SHE BIT HIM!
KWAK!
ALF! WE'RE BACK! WHERE ARE YOU?
I'M IN HERE DRAWING A BATH WITHOUT USING A PENCIL!
HA!
OH, I KILL ME!
QUACK!
WAK WAK WAKA WACKKA WAKKA WAK!
SKLOOSH
SEE? BIRDS OF A FEATHER FLOCK TOGETHER! IN A FEW HOURS, THEY'LL NOT ONLY BE BACK TO NORMAL, BUT VERY CLEAN!
WELL, I'M FAMISHED! WOTTAYA SAY WE CALL "PIZZA THE ACTION" AND ORDER A FEW PIES!
YES... YOU REALLY WORK UP AN APPETITE DUCK HUNTING!
WAK!
WAK!
SHORT TIME LATER...
TWO PIZZAS FOR TANNER? ONE WITH PEPPERONI AND ONE WITH MELTED CRAYONS?
THAT'S US!
AND SO...
WAK!
THIS HAS BEEN A MEMORABLE "EAT OFF THE FLOOR DAY"! I JUST WISH WE COULD'VE SET OFF SOME FIREWORKS!
DON'T WORRY, ALF! WHEN MOM RECOVERS FROM THIS, YOU'LL HAVE ALL THE FIREWORKS YOU CAN HANDLE!
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ALF in The Melvolutionary War
ALF! STOP THAT!
OOPS! SORRY, LYNNWAH! THIS NEW TOWEL YOUR MOM BOUGHT REALLY PICKED UP A LOT OF FUR AFTER MY FLEA BATH!
SWAP
FWAP
BURR GORE VIDAL
GALLAGHER / MANOA / SEVERIN
"BURR GORE VIDAL?" IS THAT ANOTHER STEVEN KING BOOK?
NO! IT'S GORE VIDAL'S BOOK ABOUT AARON BURR, AN IMPORTANT FIGURE IN AMERICAN HISTORY! I'M READING IT SO I'LL DO BETTER IN HISTORY THIS FALL!
OR, AT THE VERY LEAST KNOW WHY WE CELEBRATE OUR NATIONAL HOLIDAYS!
BURR GORE VIDAL
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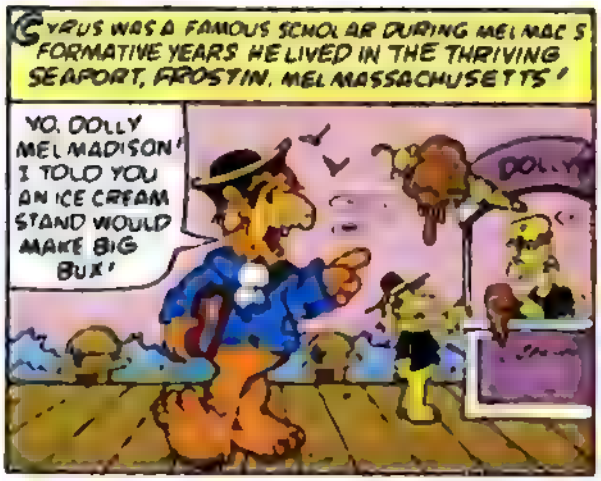
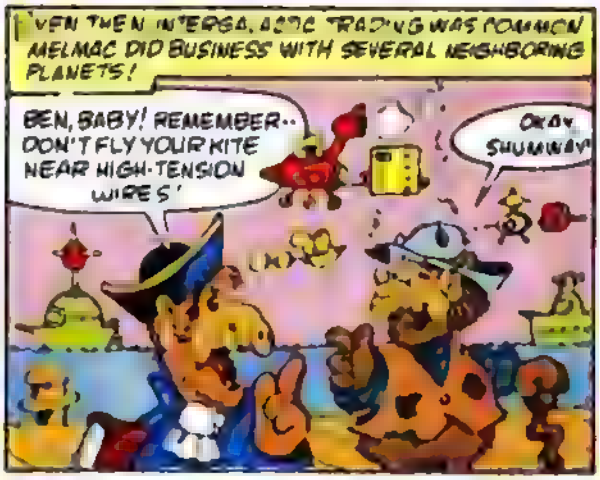
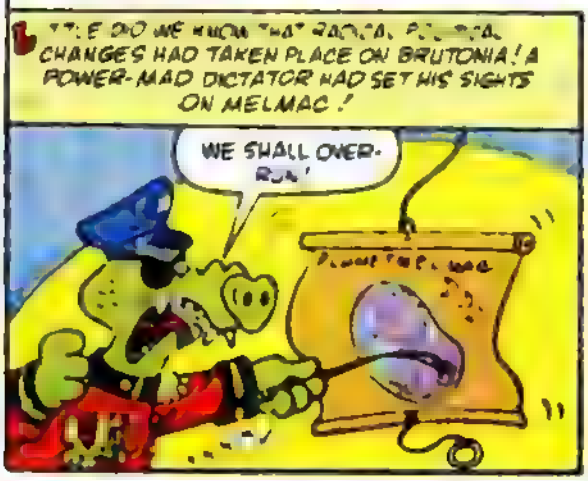
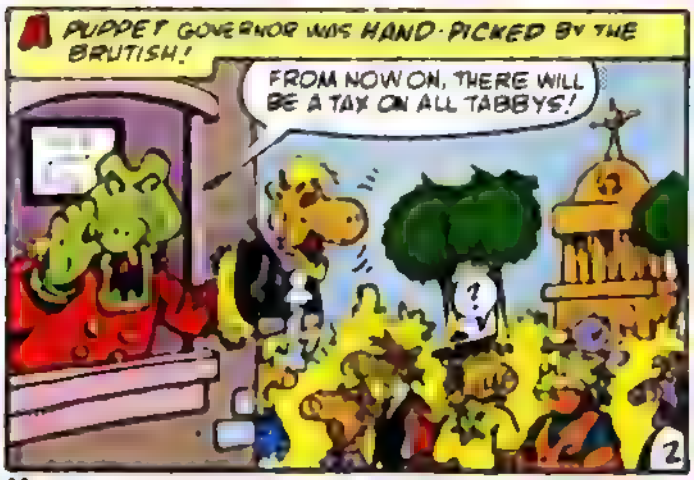
HOLD ON! I'M A HOLIDAY AND HISTORY EXPERT! MY MOM WAS IN THE D.M.R.--"DAUGHTERS OF THE MELMAC REVOLUTION"! HAVEN'T I TOLD YOU ABOUT MY GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-THEN NOT-SO-GREAT-GRANDFATHER CYRUS SHUMWAY?
A MELMAC FLASHBACK! HOW LUCKY CAN I GET?


CYRUS WAS A FAMOUS SCHOLAR DURING MELMAC'S FORMATIVE YEARS. HE LIVED IN THE THRIVING SEAPORT, FROSTIN, MELMASSACHUSETTS!
YO, DOLLY MELMADISON! I TOLD YOU AN ICE CREAM STAND WOULD MAKE BIG BUX!
DOLLY


EVEN THEN INTERGALACTIC TRADING WAS COMMON. MELMAC DID BUSINESS WITH SEVERAL NEIGHBORING PLANETS!
BEN, BABY! REMEMBER.. DON'T FLY YOUR KITE NEAR HIGH-TENSION WIRES!
OKAY SHUMWAY!

ONE PLACE, BRUTONIA, WAS HOME TO A NASTY RACE OF MERCENARY REPTILES! HOWEVER, THEIR TABBY TAPIOCA PUDDING WAS THE BEST IN THE GALAXY!
YOUR PRICES HAVE DOUBLED IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS
PAY UP AND SHUT UP BOOKWORM
Snsul·
RELAX! SOON, THE GENERAL WILL BE IN CHARGE!
Ye Old Inn Digestion
WARNING: I SPEED UP FOR SMALL FURRY CREATURES


LITTLE DID WE KNOW THAT RADICAL POLITICAL CHANGES HAD TAKEN PLACE ON BRUTONIA! A POWER-MAD DICTATOR HAD SET HIS SIGHTS ON MELMAC!
WE SHALL OVER-RUN!


A PUPPET GOVERNOR WAS HAND-PICKED BY THE BRUTISH!
FROM NOW ON, THERE WILL BE A TAX ON ALL TABBYS!
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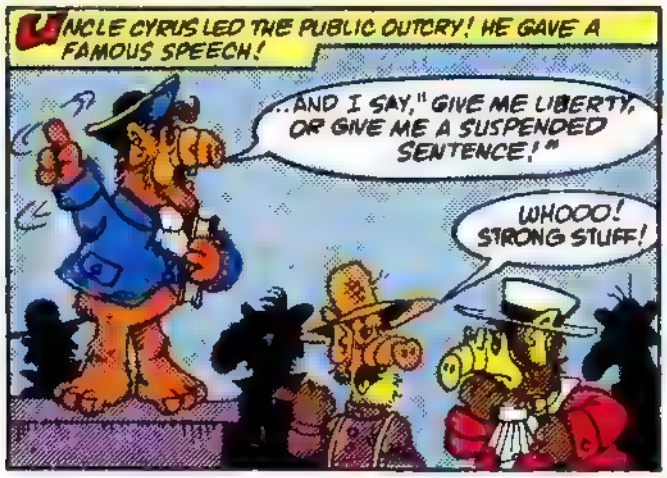
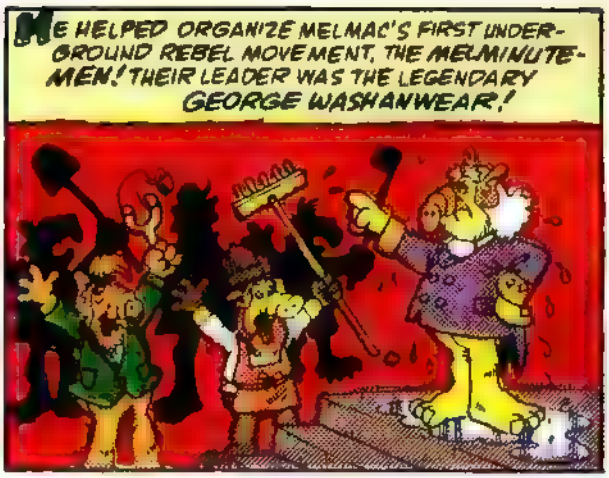
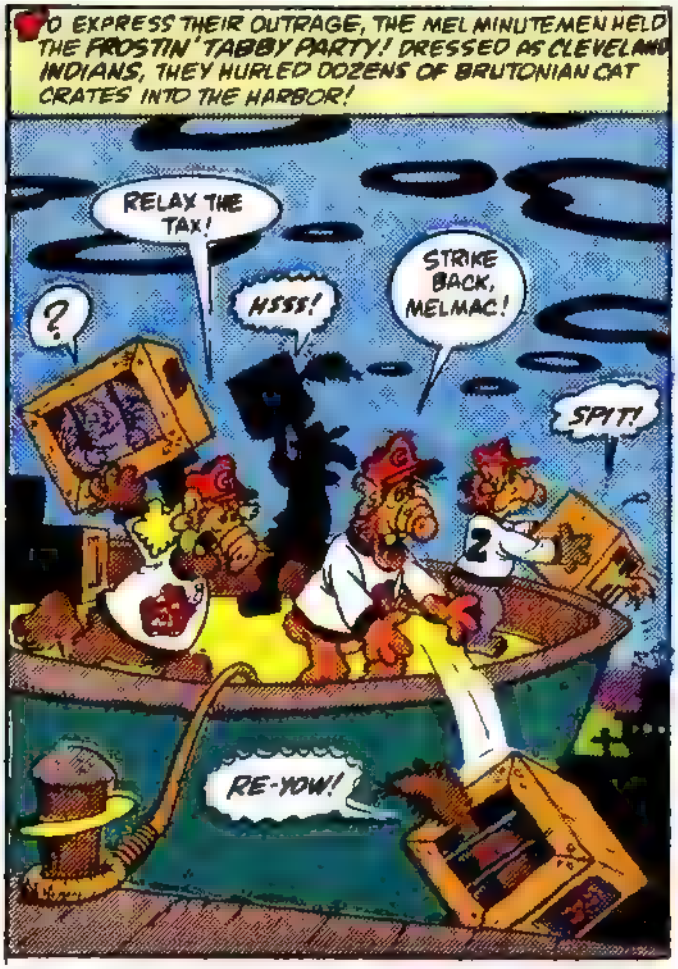

UNCLE CYRUS LED THE PUBLIC OUTCRY! HE GAVE A FAMOUS SPEECH!
..AND I SAY," GIVE ME LIBERTY, OR GIVE ME A SUSPENDED SENTENCE!"
WHOOO! STRONG STUFF!


HE HELPED ORGANIZE MELMAC'S FIRST UNDERGROUND REBEL MOVEMENT, THE MELMINUTEMEN! THEIR LEADER WAS THE LEGENDARY GEORGE WASHANWEAR!


TO EXPRESS THEIR OUTRAGE, THE MELMINUTEMEN HELD THE FROSTIN' TABBY PARTY! DRESSED AS CLEVELAND INDIANS, THEY HURLED DOZENS OF BRUTONIAN CAT CRATES INTO THE HARBOR!
RELAX THE TAX!
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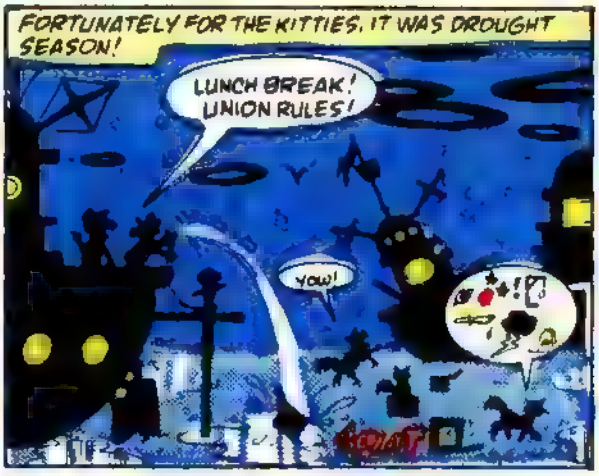
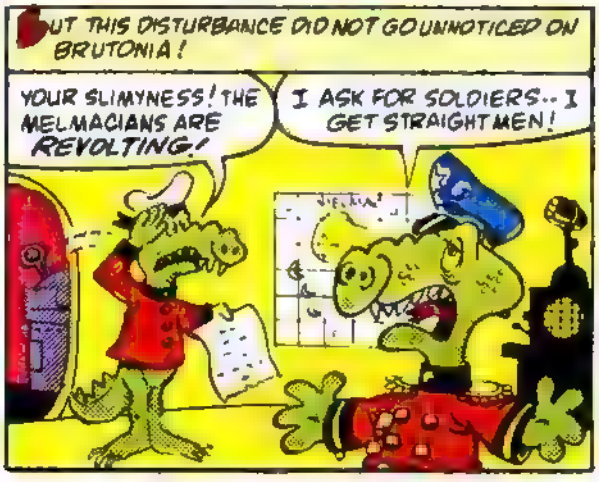
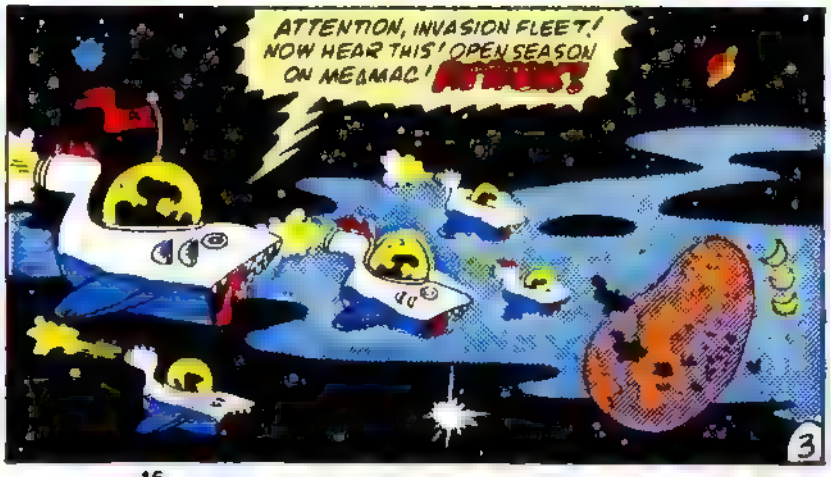
HSSS!
STRIKE BACK, MELMAC!
SPIT!
RE-YOW!


FORTUNATELY FOR THE KITTIES, IT WAS DROUGHT SEASON!
LUNCH BREAK! UNION RULES!
YOW!


BUT THIS DISTURBANCE DID NOT GO UNNOTICED ON BRUTONIA!
YOUR SLIMYNESS! THE MELMACIANS ARE REVOLTING!
I ASK FOR SOLDIERS.. I GET STRAIGHT MEN!

VERY WELL! IF THEY WANT TO PLAY HARD BOUILLABASEBALL, THAT'S FINE WITH ME!


ATTENTION, INVASION FLEET! NOW HEAR THIS! OPEN SEASON ON MELMAC! ATTACK!
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BACK AT HOME THE FAMOUS "FROSTIN' MESS" OCCURRED... A WEEK-LONG FOOD FIGHT! THE COST IN CALORIES WAS STAGGERING!
THIS PLANET AIN'T BIG ENOUGH FOR THE TWO OF US, FUZZBALLS.
SCALEFACE, GO HOME!
BUT THEIR SUPERIOR AIR FORCE, USING UNETHICAL CHEMICAL WARFARE, SCATTERED THE MELMACIANS!
LET 'EM HAVE IT WITH THE "COUNTRY BOUTIQUE SCENTED SOAPS!"
KOFF! KOFF! "HONEYDEW MELON!"
AGGH! "LAVENDER!"
CHOKE! "APPLE 'N' SPICE!"
UNCLE CYRUS KNEW THE DISHEARTENED REBELS NEEDED AN INSPIRATION SO HE CALLED ON THE LOCAL SEAMSTRESS, BETSY FLOSS!
NICE FLAG, BETS!
CAN I WRITE A CHECK?
NO CASHEE, NO FLAGEE, GEORGIE!
DON'T SNEEZE ON ME!
MOMENTUM BUILT AGAIN! THE MELMINUTEMEN SPENT MANY SLEEPLESS NIGHTS PLANNING HIS STRATEGY...
SO WE GOT 13 REGULAR COFFEES AND TWO WITH NO SUGAR!
FIVE EXTRA LIGHT AND A TEA WITH LEMON!
NO! NO! EXTRA SUGAR!
WHO WANTS A HARD ROLL?
Sweet 'n low
THEY GOT DANISH?
THE NEXT CONFRONTATION TOOK PLACE AT THE BATTLE OF BULL RUN, WHERE WASHANWEAR UTTERED THOSE IMMORTAL WORDS
LOOKS LIKE 3000 OF THEM AND 167 OF US. WE MIGHT STILL WIN!
BULL RUN!
THE MELMACIANS WERE IN RETREAT! WASHANWEAR LED HIS RAGTAG BAND OF REBELS ACROSS THE MELAWARE RIVER...
SORRY ABOUT THE ROW-BOAT, BOYS! THE BRITONS IMPOUNDED MY CABIN-CRUISER!
ROW A ROW
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THEY TOOK REFUGE AT THE LOCAL FOUNDRY-- O'MALLEY'S FORGE!
SURE AND ANY FRIEND O' SHUMWAY'S IS A FRIEND O' MINE!
YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, O'MALLEY!
STOP INTO THE WIFE'S KITCHEN FOR A BITE TO EAT, WHY DON'CHA!
DRY GOODS
WEARY FROM HUNGER AND BATTLE (BUT MOSTLY HUNGER), THE MINUTEMEN LINED UP FOR A BOWL OF MRS. O'MALLEY'S SHAMROCK STEW!
OCH! I WISH HE'D TELL ME WHEN HE'S BRINGING THE WHOLE BOWLING TEAM HOME FOR DINNER!
O'MALLEY'S FORGE
DRY GOODS
WET GOODS
LATER, SENTRIES WERE POSTED AND WASHAN-WEAR SPOKE TO CYRUS...
WHAT DO YOUR BOOKS SAY ABOUT SURRENDER, SHUMWAY?
SIR! WHAT'S TONIGHT'S SECRET PASSWORD?
OH, YES HMMM SECRET PASSWORD... HOW ABOUT "WOODEN SAWHORSE"?
DID YOU HEAR THAT, THOMAS JEFFERSON? WOODEN SAW HORSE!
EH?! SPEAK UP! WHO'S HORSE SAW WHAT?
NO THOMAS! A WOODEN SAW HORSE!
WHO SAW A WOODEN HORSE?
GADZOOKS! THAT'S IT!
SNAK!
WE'LL BORROW A CHAPTER FROM ANCIENT HISTORY, BIG GEO! A LITTLE TRICK USED AT THE BATTLEFIELD OF "TROYS R US"
eh?
HERE IT IS. CHECK IT OUT!
GRAB YOUR HAMMERS, SAWS, LEVELS AND THERMOSES! TONIGHT WE ARE CARPENTERS!
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THEY WORKED FURIOUSLY THROUGH THE NIGHT! AT DAWN, THE BRUTONIANS WERE SHOCKED TO FIND A HUGE, WOODEN MELMALION STALLION AT THE ENTRANCE TO THEIR CAMP...

THINKING IT WAS A TOKEN OF SURRENDER, THE BRUTONS BEGAN CELEBRATING THEIR CONQUEST OF MELMAC!

WE'RE #1! WE'RE #1!

YEE-HA!

ROOT BEER

THEY PARTIED HEARTY ALL DAY! WHEN NIGHT FELL, SO DID THE EXHAUSTED BRUTONS! SOON, A STRANGE MUNCHING SOUND WAS HEARD...

CRONCH! CHEW!

GNAGH! CHOMP!

BELCH! BELLCH! BELCH!

Z Z Z Z Z Z

AT DAWN THE MELMALITE MEN CONCEALED INSIDE THE HORSE HAD EATEN THEIR WAY THROUGH, AND SOON CAPTURED THE ENEMY'S SUPERIOR WEAPONS!

YUM! PLYWOOD! MY FAVORITE!

LET'S GO!

BEFORE THEY KNEW IT THE BRUTONS WERE WRAPPED UP IN SHEETS OF O'MALLEY'S FINEST THIN ALUMINUM!

CURSES! FOILED AGAIN!

THEY WERE TOWED BACK TO BRUTONIA WHERE THEIR VISAS WERE REVOKED! (SO WERE THEIR MASTER CARDS) DIPLOMATIC AND ECONOMIC TIES BETWEEN THE TWO PLANETS WERE PERMANENTLY SEVERED!

WE GOT A GREAT BIG CONVOY!

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WASHANWEAR BECAME OUR FIRST PRIME-RIB MINISTER, AND WITH CYRUS'S HELP, HE WROTE OUR CONSTITUTION...
IN CONGREFS?
OH, DRAT! I'M A LOUSY SPELLER! HAVE YOU GOT AN INK ERASER, SHUMWAY?
YEARS LATER, CYRUS WAS REWARDED WHEN WASHANWEAR PUT HIM IN HIS CABINET AND MADE HIM SECRETARY OF THE INFERIOR!
ALF, THAT DIDN'T HELP ME UNDERSTAND COLONIAL AMERICA, BUT IT WAS A GREAT STORY! YOU REALLY KNOW YOUR HISTORY!
HEY, I DIDN'T SPEND 18 YEARS IN THE FIFTH GRADE FOR NOTHING!
HM!
JUST REMEMBER, HISTORY'S A LOT LIKE RADISHES... IF YOU'RE NOT CAREFUL, IT'LL REPEAT ON YOU!
THERE YOU GUYS ARE!
HAVE EITHER OF YOU SEEN MY NEW SCARF? IT'S WHITE, WITH A BLUE FLORAL PATTERN... TRIMMED WITH A LONG FRINGE... IT'S... IT'S..
IT'S FULL OF SOGGY MELMACIAN FUR?
FOUR OUT OF FOUR! THIS MUST BE IT, KATE...! HEH-HEH! HEH... HEH?!
OF COURSE, YOU REALIZE, THIS MEANS WAR, MR. SHUMWAY?
SEE, LYNN? LIKE I TOLD YOU-- ONE LITTLE INCIDENT CAN SET OFF A HUGE CONFLICT!
ALF, AS YOUR ANCESTOR, CYRUS, WOULD HAVE SAID... WAR IS MEL, MAC!
THE END
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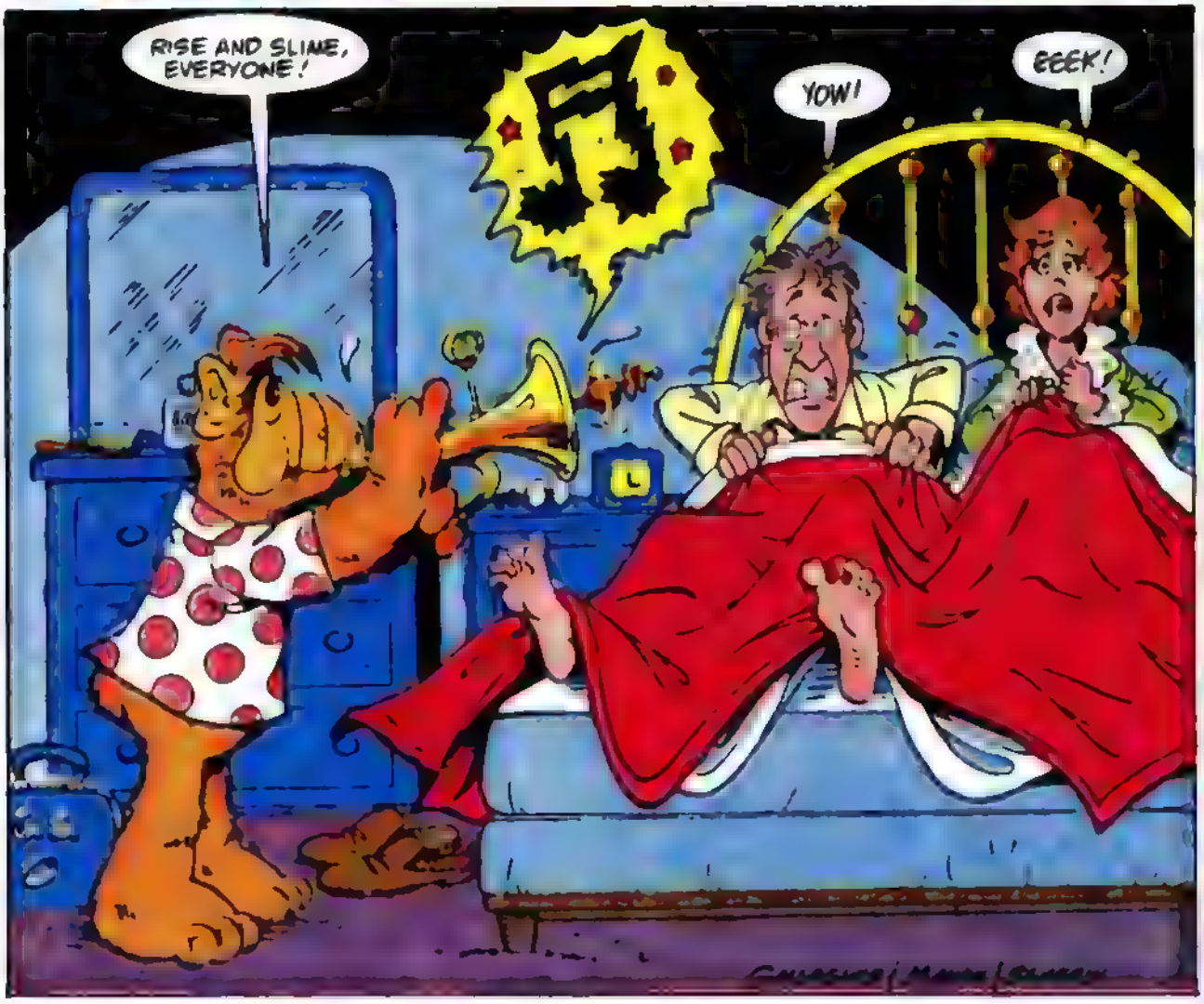
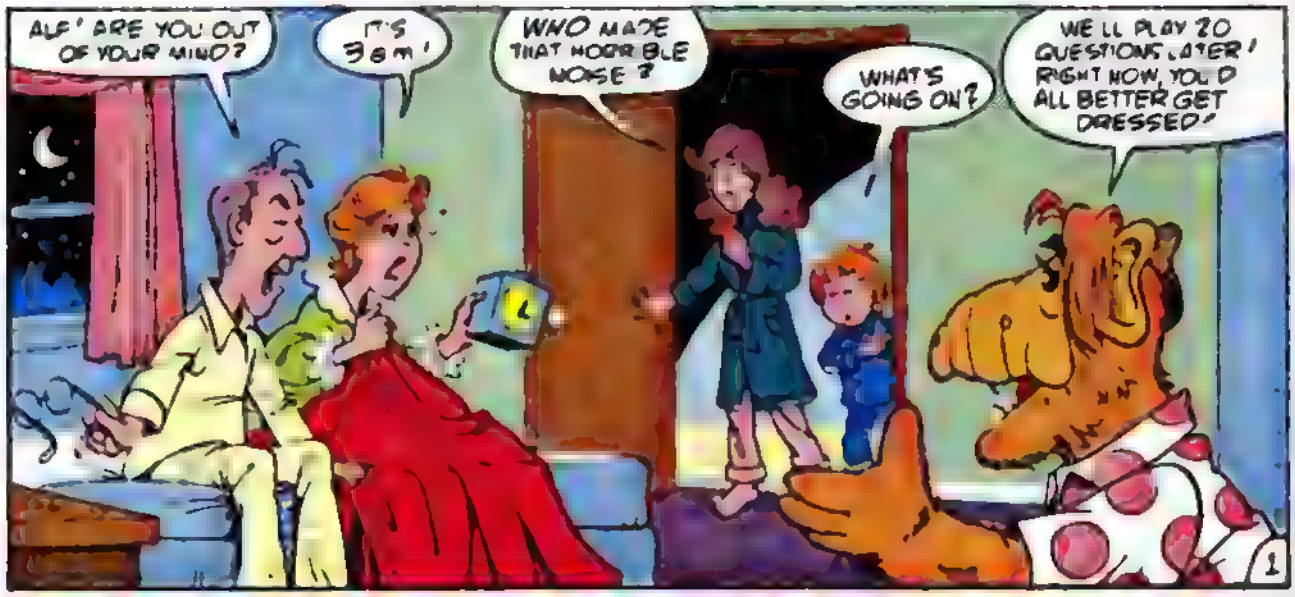
ALF

A TREE-MENDOUS MISTAKE!




ALF! ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND?
IT'S 3 a.m.!
WHO MADE THAT HOOR BLE NOSE?
WHAT'S GOING ON?
WE'LL PLAY 20 QUESTIONS LATER! RIGHT NOW, YOU'D ALL BETTER GET DRESSED!

DRESSED? FOR WHAT?
FOR THE SUNRISE TREE-PLANTING CEREMONY! IT'S "WEAR-A-PLANT-DAY!"
WHAT?! WE HAVEN'T YET RECOVERED FROM "EAT-OFF-THE-FLOOR DAY!"
BUT THIS IS THE FOLLOW-UP HOLIDAY! IT'S MUCH MORE FUN-- I'LL DESCRIBE IT!
AS THE SUN RISES IN THE WEST, YOU PLANT THE CEREMONIAL MEI-MACADAMIA NUT TREE...!
IT GROWS RAPIDLY, AND BY EARLY EVENING, MEASURES A FULL METER IN HEIGHT...
THEN, YOU UPROOT IT, PUT IT ON YOUR HEAD, AND DISCO UNTIL THE COWS COME HOME!
MÜ!
WOTTAYA SAY, GANG? ARE YOU AS EXCITED AS I AM?
NO PROBLEM, WILLIE! A ROUSING CHORUS OF "MELMAC THE KNIFE" ON MY HYPERSONIC KAZOOTIEPHONE WILL ROUST 'EM!
LET THEM SLEEP!
ALF--WE COULDN'T PLANT A MELMACADAMIA NUT TREE" EVEN IF WE WANTED TO! IT DOESN'T EXIST HERE ON EARTH!
THAT'S WHY I GOT THIS OUT OF MY SHIP!
MY ORBIT GUARD SURVIVAL PACK! IT'S GOT EVERYTHING YOU NEED IN CASE YOU END UP IN A BIZARRE ENVIRONMENT-- LIKE SATURN, NEPTUNE, OR BALTIMORE!
FOLLOW ME, PLEASE!
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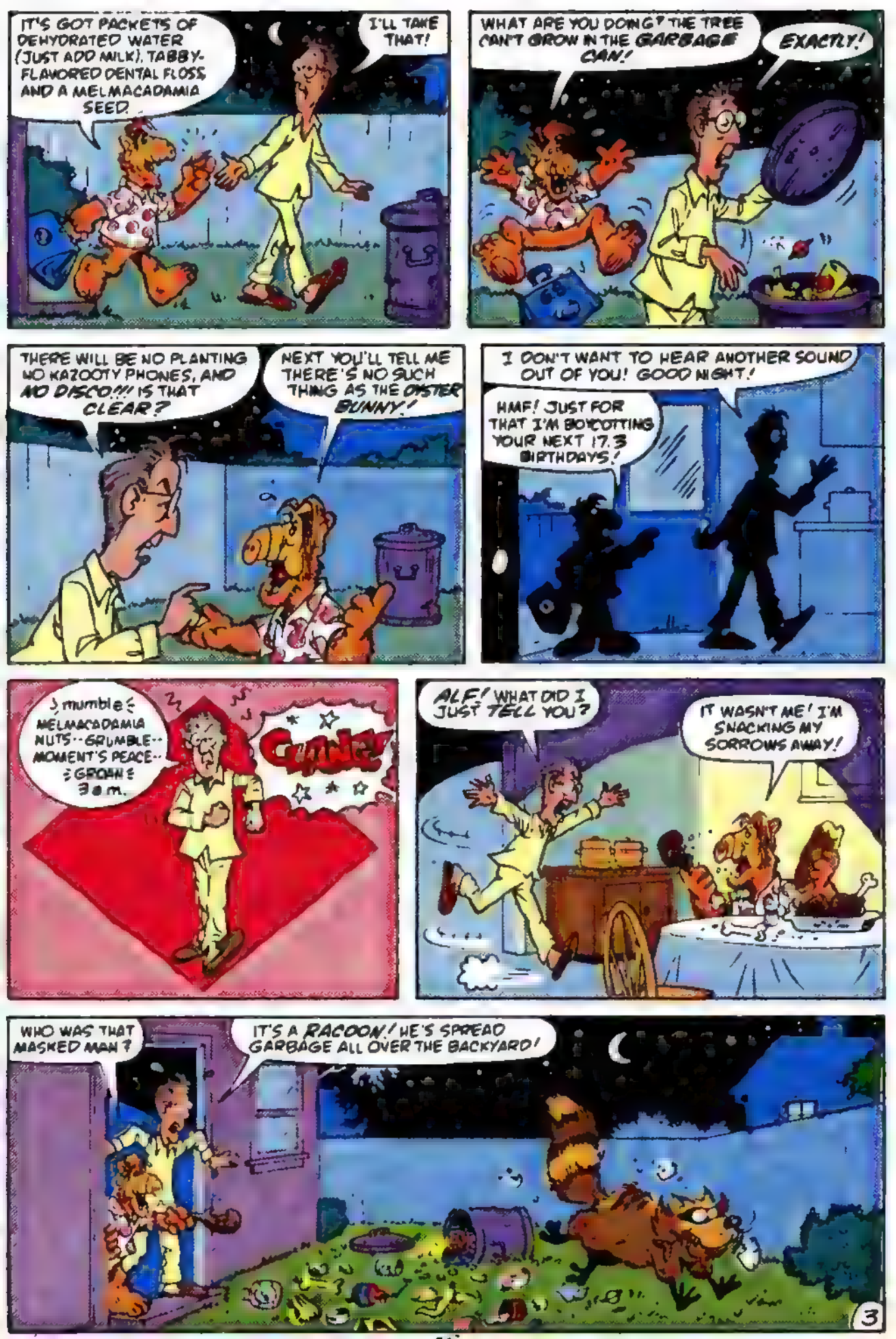
IT'S GOT PACKETS OF DEHYDRATED WATER (JUST ADD MILK), TABBY-FLAVORED DENTAL FLOSS AND A MELMACADAMIA SEED.
I'LL TAKE THAT!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? THE TREE CAN'T GROW IN THE GARBAGE CAN!
EXACTLY!
THERE WILL BE NO PLANTING NO KAZOOTY PHONES, AND NO DISCO!!! IS THAT CLEAR?
NEXT YOU'LL TELL ME THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS THE OYSTER BUNNY!
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ANOTHER SOUND OUT OF YOU! GOOD NIGHT!
HMF! JUST FOR THAT I'M BOYCOTTING YOUR NEXT 17.3 BIRTHDAYS!
mumble MELMACADAMIA NUTS··GRUMBLE·· MOMENT'S PEACE·· GROAN 3 a.m.
Grumble
ALF! WHAT DID I JUST TELL YOU?
IT WASN'T ME! I'M SNACKING MY SORROWS AWAY!
WHO WAS THAT MASKED MAN?
IT'S A RACOON! HE'S SPREAD GARBAGE ALL OVER THE BACKYARD!
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STAY RIGHT THERE! YOU'LL BE HELPING ME CLEAN UP THE MESS!
THAT DEPENDS... WHERE DO YOU STAND ON THE MINIMUM WAGE DEBATE?
SLOOK FZOOP SPLORK
YOU CAN STOP THE WISE-CRACKS AND THE FUNNY NOISES!
I'M NOT MAKING ANY FUNNY NOY... GREAT CAESAR'S GUEST HOST!
GLOOP! SHLOOK!
ALF! IS THAT SAPLING WHAT I THINK IT IS?
AFFIRMATIVE, WILLIE WONKA! IT'S THE MELMACADAMIA NUT TREE! GROWING FASTER THAN THE NATIONAL DEBT!
GLOOP! SPLARK! FFLIP!
WELL, YOU SAID IT WAS A QUICK-GROWING PLANT!
NOT THIS QUICK! IT MUST BE THE RICH SOIL ON EARTH!
GLORP!
PWOOK!
ZLICK!
WHY? WHAT WAS THE SOIL LIKE ON MELMAC?
THE SOIL WAS MELMAC! PLASTIC!!! LET ME DO SOME QUICK FIGURING...
(WE ARE SQUARE)
PG-13! + 2
Divide and Conquer-Equels.
UH-OH!
SHLORT!
WHAT DOES "UH-OH" MEAN?
WELL, LET ME DRAW YOU A MAP. THE WAY THIS TREE REPRODUCES... THE MELMACADAMIA JUNGLE SHOULD REACH THE MISSISSIPPI RIV R BY THURSDAY!
YOU ARE HERE
SKLOOP!
BLOT!
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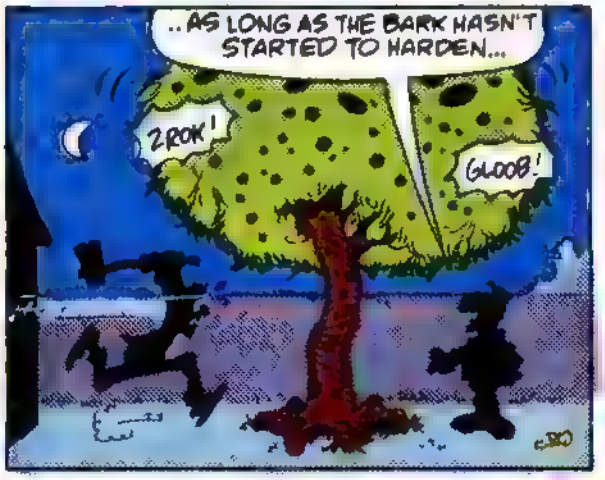
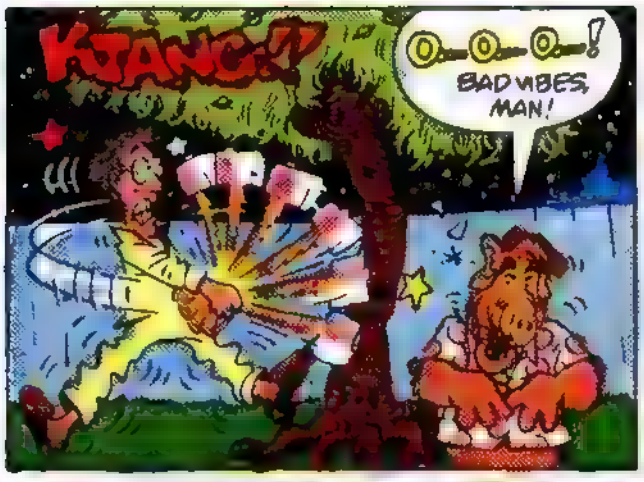
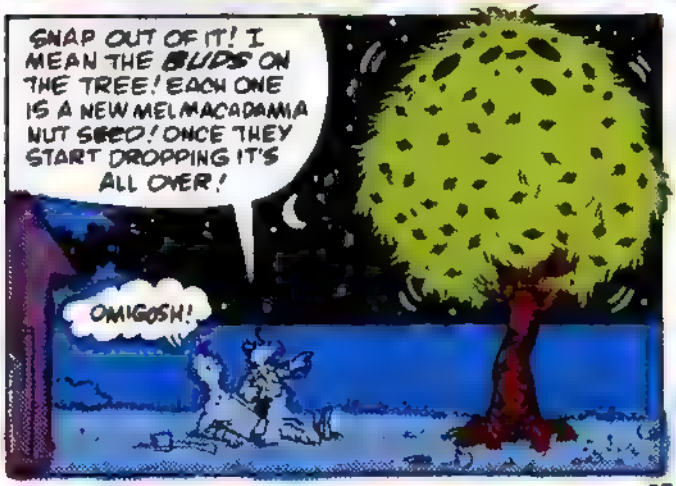
ALF, THIS IS TERRIBLE! HELP ME YANK IT OUT!
TOO LATE, WILLIE! THE DARK ROOTS GO DEEPER THAN LADY DI'S!

WELL, THEN, I'LL GET MY AX!
YEAH, THAT MIGHT WORK!
GLONCH!
BLIK!


..AS LONG AS THE BARK HASN'T STARTED TO HARDEN...
ZROK!
GLOOB!


KJANG!!
O_O_O_!
BAD VIBES, MAN!

GET UP, WILLIE! COME ON! THE BUDS! BUDS!
NO THANKS, BARTENDER... JUST A CLUB SODA FOR ME!


SNAP OUT OF IT! I MEAN THE BUDS ON THE TREE! EACH ONE IS A NEW MELMACADAMIA NUT SEED! ONCE THEY START DROPPING IT'S ALL OVER!
OMIGOSH!

THERE'S ONLY ONE THING LEFT TO DO!
PANIC? WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF THAT?
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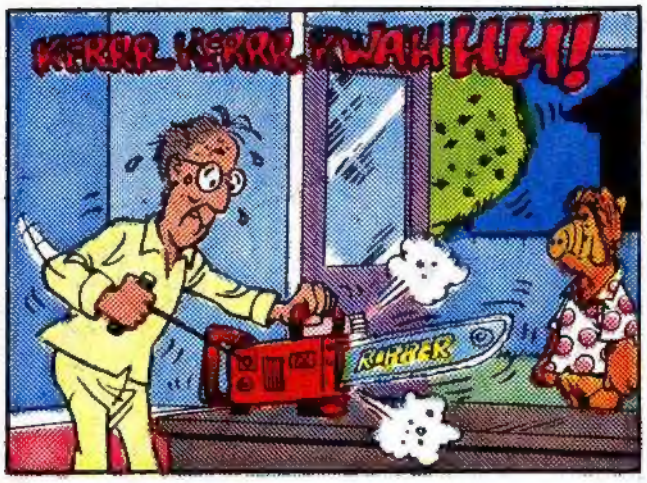
KERRR...KERRR...KWAH HA-H!
KABBER

GET IN THE GARAGE, ALF! THIS COULD GET COMPUCATED!
BWAHH!

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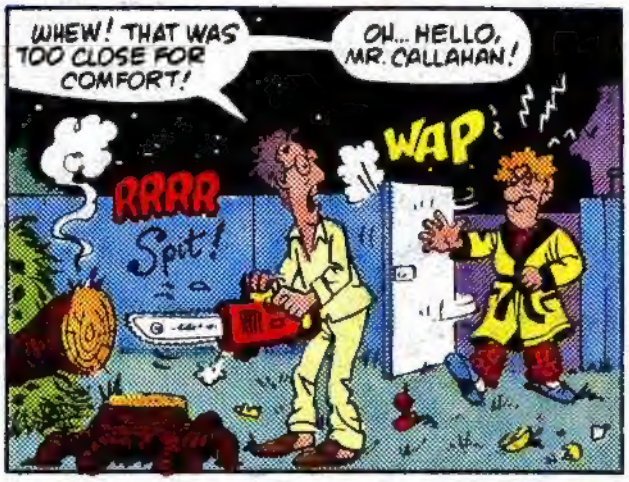
WHEE! IT'S THE "TANNER CHAINSAW MASSACRE!"
HONEY?
DAD?
TANNER! ARE YOU NUTS? IT'S 4 a.m.!
GRAAAAAAA...

Tim BAH!
WAY TO GO, WILLIE BUNYON!
CRASH!


WHEW! THAT WAS TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT!
OH... HELLO, MR. CALLAHAN!
WAP
RRRR
Spit!

UMM... I KNOW TH-THAT WAS-- er-- UNUSUAL! B-BUT BELIEVE ME, IF YOU KNEW WHY I DID IT... UH... Y-YOU'D THANK ME!

EARTHLINGS CERTAINLY HAVE STRANGE WAYS OF EXPRESSING GRATITUDE!
POW!
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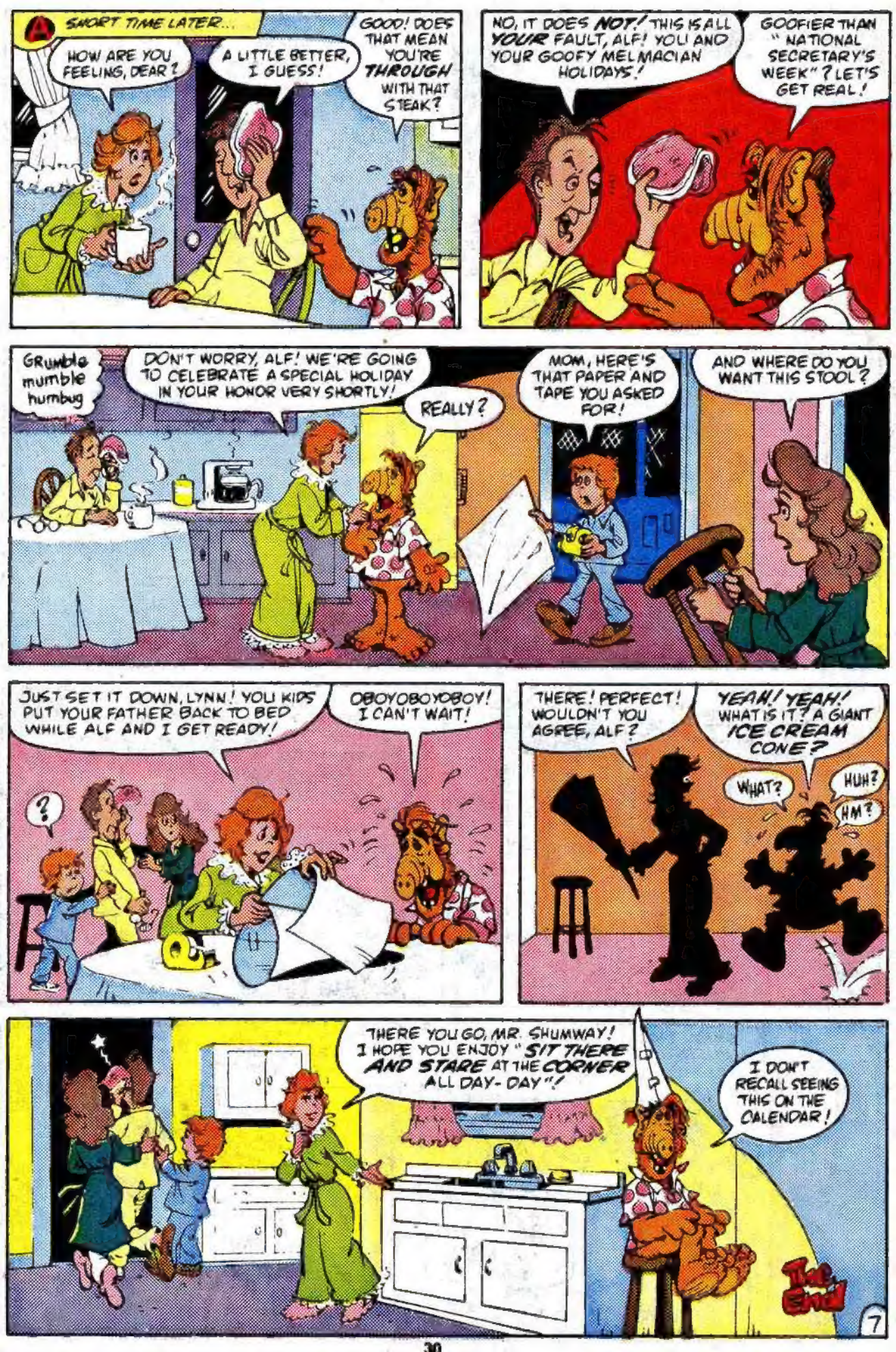
A SHORT TIME LATER...
HOW ARE YOU FEELING, DEAR?
A LITTLE BETTER, I GUESS!
GOOD! DOES THAT MEAN YOU'RE THROUGH WITH THAT STEAK?
NO, IT DOES NOT! THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT, ALF! YOU AND YOUR GOOFY MELMACIAN HOLIDAYS!
GOOFIER THAN "NATIONAL SECRETARY'S WEEK"? LET'S GET REAL!
Grumble mumble humbug
DON'T WORRY, ALF! WE'RE GOING TO CELEBRATE A SPECIAL HOLIDAY IN YOUR HONOR VERY SHORTLY!
REALLY?
MOM, HERE'S THAT PAPER AND TAPE YOU ASKED FOR!
AND WHERE DO YOU WANT THIS STOOL?
JUST SET IT DOWN, LYNN! YOU KIDS PUT YOUR FATHER BACK TO BED WHILE ALF AND I GET READY!
OBOYOBOYOBOY! I CAN'T WAIT!
?
THERE! PERFECT! WOULDN'T YOU AGREE, ALF?
YEAH! YEAH! WHAT IS IT? A GIANT ICE CREAM CONE?
WHAT?
HUH?
HM?
THERE YOU GO, MR. SHUMWAY! I HOPE YOU ENJOY "SIT THERE AND STARE AT THE CORNER ALL DAY- DAY"!
I DON'T RECALL SEEING THIS ON THE CALENDAR!
THE END
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MELMAC MAIL SACK

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Special Editorial
ANNOUNCEME *T!!

For this, the premiere letter column to appear in ALF, the editors have invited a special guest column writer to answer all your questions!

Although inexperienced at writing letter columns, this special guest has gladly agreed to lend his unique expertise and wit. (He also knew the only alternative was to continue the August list of all faces sexier than his own . . .)

In any case, folks, he's here today — the one, the only, none other than our own inimitable Mr. Gordon Shumway!

And now . . . heeeeeeerrrrre's *ALF!!!*

Dear Marvel Comics,

I am writing in regards to your publication of A.L.F. comics. I would like to say that I am totally impressed by the way the comic is written. I enjoy it as much as the TV program.

I hope to see many more editions of ALF in the future. It is my favorite comic. Please don't stop production.

Jon Arello,
comic collector
Woodbridge, VA

Okay. (That was easy. HA!)

Dear ALF,

I love it! I love it! I love it!!!!!! ALF is the best comic ever to come out of Marvel. The art and storyline are superb.

The only other comic I've seen that comes close to being as good as ALF is GROO, which ALF beats by a long shot.

I especially enjoyed the little two-pager on Melmacian manners, and hope to see a bunch more of those short little stories. (It's a great relief to be able to pick up a comic book while waiting for something, and actually have time to finish the entire story.)

Keep up the good work.

Jeremy Hubble
Belton, TX

Can do! (Could writing a novel be this easy??)

Dear ALF,

I enjoyed ALF #4. I am glad to see a sitcom comic, besides all those super-hero stories.

The only comics I like are ALF, GROO, and SPIDER HAM. Those are the only comics I laugh at.

I especially enjoyed the "One Hero to Go," with humor so funny, even the Fantastic Four would laugh.

Keep up the good work!

Mike Farmer

No problem! Excellent insight, Mike!

Dear ALF,

I love your shows. I watch both of them.

Can you please come to my birthday party? I am going to have an Alf party with Alf cake, cat cookies, and Alf napkins. Alf, if you can, bring Brian. Alf, why don't you ask your producer if you can make a movie.

Your friend,

Michael Kumpf

Cake? Yumm!! Hey, the ol' Alferoo would never miss a party. But what flavor is the cake? Styrofoam? Or just Fluffernutter and maple syrup? Either is fine, of course.

And let's hooe you're not neglecting the rest of the menu. Marinated mothballs would be very nice. Or maybe a side of daffodils with chocolate sauce. Yes, serve any of these excellent dishes at your party, and Gordon Shumway will try to be there!

Just one last thing, though, Michael. What flavor are the napkins?

Dear Alfsters,

ALF #6 was, without question, the funniest issue of Groovy Gordon's Melmacian Marvel Masterpiece. The stories I liked were, in order of preference:

1. "That's the Ticket!"
2. "Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow!"
3. "Be of Good Cheer!"

Michael Gallagher combines elements of the live-action show and the animated show in a manner that entertains and amuses Earthlings of all ages. Dave Manak contributed a beautiful cover painting, in addition to his pulse-pounding pencils, and Madcap Marie . . . what can I say about her that hasn't been said before? All in all, guys a job well done.

However, the best feature was your list of all the hunks who are sexier than Mr. Shumway. I can't wait to see what other guys you think are better-looking than our friendly neighborhood furball, but here's my own personal list: Michael Scott Shannon, Rick Dees, Johnny Depp, John J. York, Bill Tush, Ravishing Rick Rude, Rick Martel and Tito Santana, One Man Gang, and Smiling Stan Lee.

Keep up the great work, and until Alf asks Heathcliff over for dinner (HA! I kill me!), MAKE MINE MARVEL!

Excelsior,

Sturdy Steve Eisenfreis
New York, NY

Alas, every Earthling wants to be a comedian!

And so many radio and TV personalities, Steve. You must really be into media. Or is it large? Remind us, if we ever send you a T-shirt.

But hear this! The ol' Alfster needs *important* questions for this letter column! He needs significance! Relevance! Truth and consequence!

So try again, Steve. And skip the sexier-than-thou stuff, eh?

Dear ALF,

I was wondering if you would tell me some information on ALF. I would like to know what his hobbies are. Is ALF a puppet, or is he a man in a suit?

I really appreciate your help. Thank you.

An ALF fan,

Shelly Schaefer
Victoria, TX

I can see, Shelly, that *you* are concerned with some really BIG issues — questions of SIGNIFICANCE! Some of the all-time important questions of our current era!

But, Shelly, Shelly, Shelly! Aren't we all just puppets, really? Aren't we all just men in suits? Speaking fignewtonly, of course. No, Shelly, to really address the problems of our times, we must consider questions far deeper than this.

For example, which is more important — the history of ancient Egypt or the invention of polyester? How do you decide which end of a cigar to smoke? Does anyone actually look good in a white leisure suit? These are the questions for an intellectual!

Yes, there are plenty of worthwhile topics! Lots of them, in fact, come to think of it! Like which tastes better, marinated mothballs or kitty fillets? Like who the heck put Kansas City into Missouri? And why did Gilligan's Island get canceled, anyway? And when are the . . . Hey! *HEY!!* My TYPEWRITER!! Where are you taking my typewriter?? Yeah, I *know* this is a one-page letter column, but—

Special Editorial
!!INTERRUPTION!!

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we must interrupt this letter column to continue the August list of everyone who is sexier than Alf.

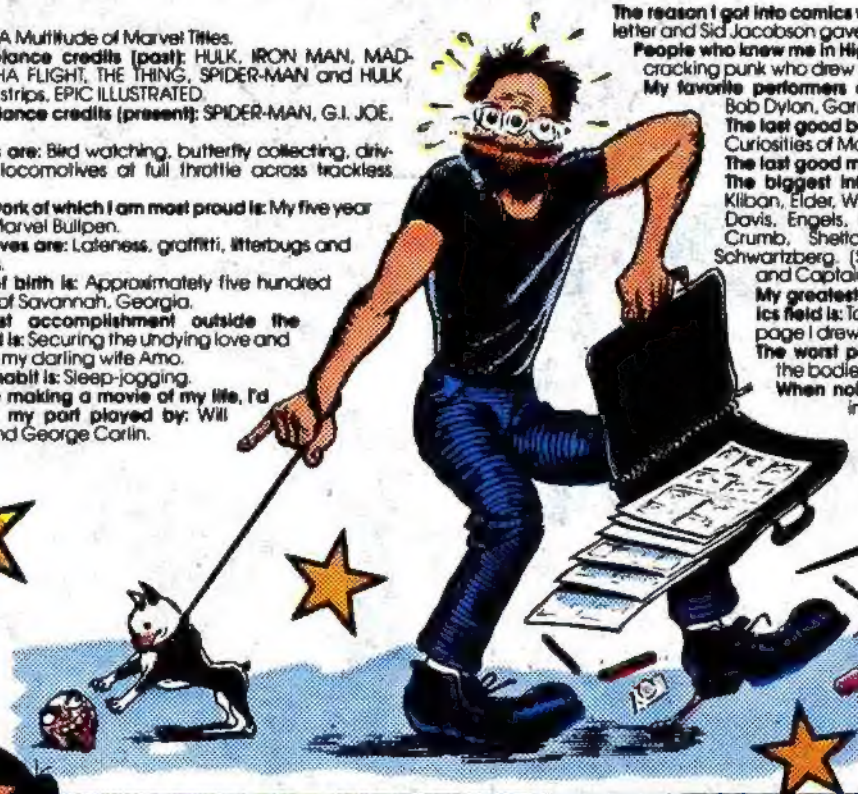
Among those we forgot to mention:

Bruce Boxleitner
Raul Julia
John Hurt
John Heard
Patrick Swayze
Phil Donahue
Lee Iacocca
Roger Clemens
Dwight Gooden
Tom Brokaw
Bullwinkle
Vincent Price
Michael Gambon
Jackie Martling
George Harrison
James Taylor
Huey Lewis
The News
Sean Connery
Timothy Dalton
(to be continued in even more future issues . . .)

Star Signals

MEET SUPER STAR RICK PARKER

Letterer on: A Multitude of Marvel Titles.
Marvel freelance credits (past): HULK, IRON MAN, MADBALLS, ALPHA FLIGHT, THE THING, SPIDER-MAN and HULK newspaper strips, EPIC ILLUSTRATED.
Marvel freelance credits (present): SPIDER-MAN, G.I. JOE, ALF.
My hobbies are: Bird watching, butterfly collecting, driving steam locomotives at full throttle across trackless wastes.
The single work of which I am most proud is: My five year stint in the Marvel Bullpen.
My pet peeves are: Lateness, graffitti, litterbugs and lousy drivers.
My place of birth is: Approximately five hundred miles south of Savannah, Georgia.
My greatest accomplishment outside the comics field is: Securing the undying love and affection of my darling wife Amo.
My oddest habit is: Sleep-jogging.
If they were making a movie of my life, I'd like to see my part played by: Will Wheaton and George Carlin.



The reason I got into comics was: Danny Crespi taught me to letter and Sid Jacobson gave me work.
People who knew me in High School thought I was: A wise-cracking punk who drew lots of "funny pictures."
My favorite performers are: Ravi Shankar, Joan Baez, Bob Dylan, Garrison Keillor.
The last good book I read was: "Anomalies and Curiosities of Modern Medicine."
The last good movie I saw was: "Stand By Me."
The biggest influences on my work include: Kliban, Elder, Wilson, Wood, Adams, Kurtzman, Davis, Engels, Herriman, Berg, Woodbridge, Crumb, Shelton, Solicrup, Steinberg and Schwartzberg. (Special thanks to Mom, Dad and Captain Kangaroo.)
My greatest unfulfilled ambition in the comics field is: To get Jack Abel to finish inking a page I drew for him over five years ago.
The worst part of my job is: Getting rid of the bodies.
When nobody's looking I like to: Sneak into editors' offices and erase entire issues of John Byrne art.
The one thing I really want the world to know about me is: "You see that guy over there . . . ? He used to letter PRINCE VALIANT!"

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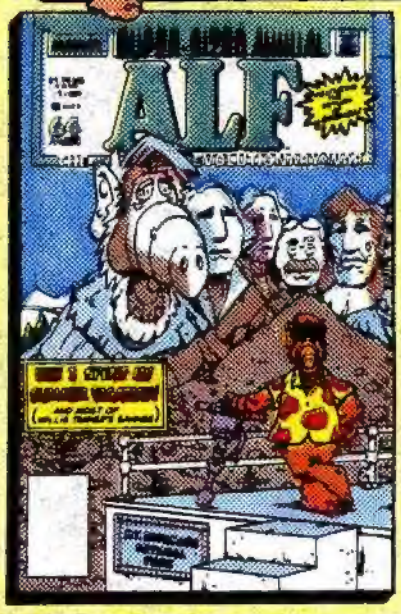

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